

## **Curriculum and Instruction Meeting March 6, 2013**

Attendees: Chris Hamm, Jackie Harris, Laura Santos, Pam Kidder, Michael Allen, Gwen Loftin, Jennifer Caraway, Ann Grey Newcomb, Bridget Craddock, Karen Harshbarger, Russell Dixon, Mary Clark, Tina Clayton, Laurie Pruitt, Kathy Clark, Frankie Tucker, Stephanie Gooch, Liz Moran, Beth Cook, Lela Baldwin, Jolene Warych, Stan Winborn, Dr. Farley

### **GCS Read 180 Implementation- Frankie Tucker & Stephanie Gooch**

- Shared Read 180 implementation plan for the county
- Growth from last year was good
- Implementation across the district has been inconsistent, there was/is a need for Gen. Ed and EC to come together in working with READ 180
- Having the entire 90 minutes devoted to READ 180 is important
- Effective program launch and training include:
  - Technology
  - Targeting
  - Teaching
  - Training
- 2 programs of READ 180 being used in the county: Next Generation and Enterprise
- Elementary schools are doing their best to meet the 90 minutes, most middle schools are only 45 minutes, HS divide the time in half in order to connect it to English 1
- READ 180 and Balanced Literacy Workshop teaching align well
- Discussion occurred about how to manage 90 minutes of READ 180 and the time allotment for regular core teaching

### **ESL Program Update- Laura Santos**

- Currently in the last week of annual testing-
  - 450+ students will be testing by mid March
- Testing results are what drives plans for next year
- 8 people + Laura make up the ESL department
- A MS teacher is piloting a hybrid PD program (SIOP), other online PD will be offered in the future
- ESL students fall into the tier 1 category so it is important to get strategies and best practices to the content teachers
- ESL teachers primary goal is to give instruction

### **Classroom Figurations**

- Dr. Farley- "Switching"- self contained or not. A few years ago students were to be self contained but, recently a few schools have been "allowed" to not be self contained. Whatever we choose to do needs to be done as a district- across the board.
  - This is not about adults, this is about the students and their best interest.
- In small groups answers to the bulleted questions below were brainstormed and sent to Lela to calculate and will send back out later. Dr. Farley will make the final decision.
  - What are the benefits of a self contained classroom?
  - What are the limitations of a self contained classroom?
  - If a change was made, what questions must be answered?

### **Updates on Curriculum Docs.- Stan, Lela, Beth**

- Elementary team will meet on Friday and look at the data that schools have sent in about the curriculum documents. Elementary has only worked on documents for ELA, Math, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science. Next year will need to expand to the other subject areas.
- MS-- Social Studies curriculum guides are in works of redevelopment. Working on creating a consistent design though Haiku. Design team will need to work at least one more time this year. MS is interested in having summer PD.
- High School- Building a course through Haiku to work on these documents. The original design team has changed for numerous reasons. Currently working on many documents to be ready for staff by Aug 6.

### **Webpages- Russell Dixon**

- Webpages without data or limited data will be taken down
- Need to fix broken links
- A "go-to" person will be established at each school to make sure all webpages are on the up and up.
- Powerschool is coming- Vocabulary changes- 9 weeks will change to quarters. Folks will be signed up to complete online training. Training this summer will occur for principals and County Office staff.
- Powerschool will go live in July.
- MS will need to have their schedules for next year completed by the end of April

**\*PD Emphasis for 2013-2014**

- Next year we have fewer days but just as much to do...so it will be interesting

**\*Process Check from PD Day**

- Complete survey sent via email to help develop PD for the future  
Discussion included:
  - Consistency across the board- what you do at one school, you need to do at another...speculated that some specialty teachers got together and others did not
  - Preschool teachers getting together was invaluable.
  - ESL teachers were with ELA and this was a positive thing.

**Dr. Farley updates-**

- Legislation- Speaker discussed budget, "you will get no less money than you have had in the past".
- Will see something on teacher tenure this year, not sure what yet.
- Expect no changes in the calendar
- Will see something on merit pay- not sure what
- Lots of Bills are being proposed- each legislator can propose 10
- MSL's - teachers are nervous about these on top of getting to know a new curriculum.
  - Will be populated into Standard 6
  - Tests have not been vetted and are changing from Fall and Spring.
  - Questions- If they are not vetted or reliable tests, do we still have to give them? Will we be sanctioned for not giving them?

**Process Check****Positive-**

Dr. Farley having our back with MSL's  
Read 180 presentation  
Activity for self contained classroom discussion  
Opportunities for training this summer

**Delta-**

Cost of MSL's  
"THE" DPI  
Inconsistencies with Special Areas on February 22

